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AFP photo shows sunken fishing boats at the Riquelme Cove, in Iquique, northern Chile, after a powerful 8.2-magnitude earthquake hit off Chile's Pacific coast late Tuesday. A tsunami warning has been issued for Chile, Peru and Ecuador, US officials said. The quake struck at a depth of 10 kilometers (six miles), 83 kilometers from Iquique on Chile's northern coast, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) said.

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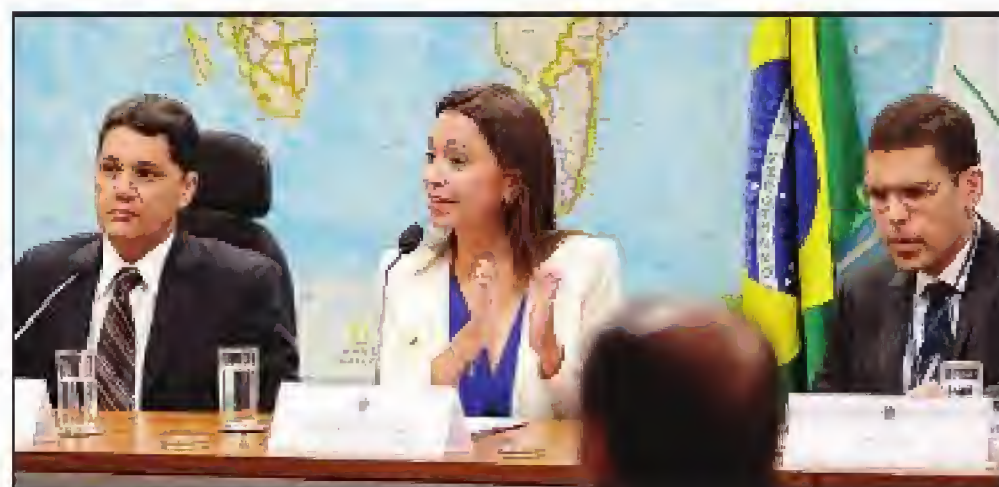
CARACAS - The Roman Catholic Church in Venezuela yesterday accused the leftist government of President Nicolas Maduro of seeking to impose a "totalitarian government," blaming it for the protests shaking the country.

Monsignor Diego Padron, the president of the conference of bishops, denounced the abuse of force, torture of detained protesters, and the persecution of opposition mayors and lawmakers.

"The government is mistaken in wanting to resolve the crisis by force. Repression is not the way to go," he said.

The protests were caused, he said, by "the attempt by the official party and the authorities of the Republic to install the so-called Plan of the Fatherland, behind which hides the imposition of a totalitarian government."

The scathing assessment follows suggestions that the Vatican act as mediator in a dialogue between the government and the opposition after nearly two months of unrest that have left at least 39 dead.



BRASILIA : AFP photo shows Venezuelan opposition leader and ousted lawmaker Maria Corina Machado (C) giving her testimony to the Foreign Relations Committee of the Brazilian Senate on the political situation in Venezuela, in Brasilia, yesterday. Invited by Panama, she was able to expose the allegations of repression that lives in her country during the meeting, which took place with the door closed.

Padron expressed support for Vatican mediation in a future "sincere dialogue," and the government also has indicated it would be willing to engage in such talks. But Caracas Archbishop Jorge Urosa Savino said the Vatican has not received official notice from the government inviting it to take part in a dialogue.

Meanwhile, The New York Times published an op-ed yesterday from Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro, in which he urged the U.S. not to impose sanctions and not to

give aid to opposition groups in his country.

"Today, the Obama administration spends at least \$5 million annually to support opposition movements in Venezuela," Maduro wrote, adding a bill for an additional \$15 million is now in Congress. And that Congress is also debating imposing sanctions.

"I hope that the American people, knowing the truth, will decide that Venezuela and its people do not deserve such punishment," the op-ed stated.

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PM Eman and visiting Dutch Minister of the Interior and Kingdom Affairs plant the first tree in the Gerrit-Rietveld Park

ORANJESTAD -- Directors and instructors of Rietveld Aruba Art Academy were very pleased to welcome Aruba's Prime Minister, Mike Eman, with his honored guest, the Dutch Minister of the Interior and Kingdom Affairs, Ronald Plasterk, for the planting of the first tree in the Gerrit-Rietveld Park in Oranjestad.

The renovation of the landmark building that was formally a department store and is now home to the academy, as well as land area across from it being earmarked as a pleasant, landscaped park, heralds a renovation of several landmark structures all along the Wilhelminastraat in Oranjestad. At least ten buildings of architectural significance are earmarked for restoration to their original glory, with the private owners working in cooperation with the island agencies charged with the preservation of Aruba's cultural heritage and the beautification of Oranjestad.

PM Eman and Minister Plasterk, along with the student body, a mix of young artists from Holland, Aruba and Italy, grabbed up shovels to plant the first tree in what will eventually be a public park, named for the academy. Following the planting, Minister Plasterk and his entourage were then given a tour of the beautifully restored landmark building, now housing the work of the students since the newest forum began in February. The school was founded on Aruba in 2011, but only moved into its new quarters with the start

of the semester.

Enrollment in the institute requires a minimum of a high school education, (HAVO, EPI or VWO) with an evaluation of a potential student's art portfolio, for acceptance. The 30-week preparatory course is an introduction program to the Bachelor's program in Fine Arts and Design at the Rietveld Academie in Holland.

Aruba's Minister of Education, Family Policy and Adult Education, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar likened the planting of the tree to the growth of the academy in scope, student body and faculty, with the firm belief all will multiply. She remarked the Berklee School of Music was founded with only 45 students and now has an enrollment of over 7,000.

Minister Plasterk and his entourage enjoyed a tour of the facility with Prime Minister Eman led by Glen Goddijn, one of the architects of the Oranjestad Beautification Project and academy instructors, prior to a final celebration on the upper level balcony and a viewing of the students' work.

The new park stands on the grounds of what was for several decades the site of the B.J. Arends Home Center, the school was their hardware annex. This projects a most unusual and notable step in Aruba's development, the tearing down of an dilapidated, abandoned building to establish an attractive green area, a trend those attending expressed they hoped they would see more of in the future.



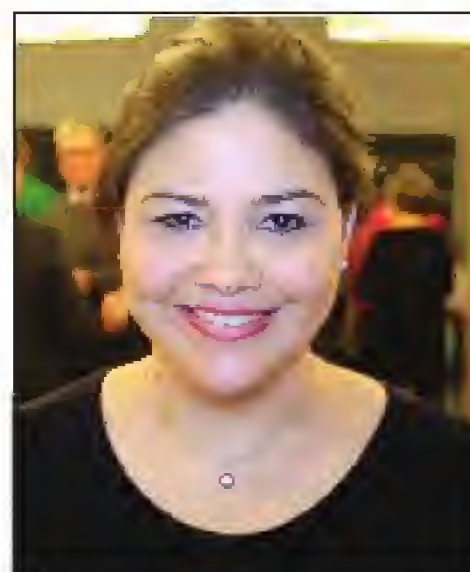
PM Eman and Minister Plasterk view some of the students work



Minister of Education Hooyboer-Winklaar grabs a shovel



Government expects MOU with Maryland for Latin American hub



ORANJESTAD -- Before relocating to Aruba, Jocelyn Croes, Minister Plenipotentiary in Washington, has some important matters to finalize. She is working diligently on finalizing two Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Aruba.

Jocelyn Croes reported that she anticipates an MOU with a few universities, an MOU with the government of Maryland and another with the government of Washington D.C. "These are the biggest goals I wish to finalize before Mr. Lee replaces me here," she said.

The MOU with the government of Maryland is to find more opportunities with universities in the area of sustainable development.

"We want to work together with other universities such as TU-Delft to raise the level of expertise on Aruba with respect to renewable energy and logistics," says Croes.

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Central Bank's figures consistent with hotel reports

ORANJESTAD -- AHATA President, Jim Hepple recently commented on the last figures published by the Central Bank relative to tourism and its importance to our economy.

According to Hepple, the figures show that tourism stay-over's increased by 8% last year and monies left behind by tourists into the economy also increased by more than 6%. These figures, said Hepple, are very consistent with what we see in the hotel sector. The room prices increased by 6% while the profit on rooms increased by 3%.

But we must not forget that the room number has increased; the reopening of the Holiday Inn rooms after renovation and the opening of



the Ritz Carlton

Jim Hepple indicated that AHATA is intent on increasing the quality and focusing at the same time on the amount of Dollars tourists leave into our economy. The President of AHATA also indicated that there has been a continued increase in the fi-

gures since 2009 which is due to the recuperation of the global financial crisis.

He is of the opinion that tourism will definitely continue to grow, for which he is well pleased.

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Joyceline indicated that we want a triangular cooperation, working with entities in Holland, The USA and Latin America to develop our own capacity. Maryland has a very large harbor and airport and desires to develop commerce with Latin America. What's more, they are one of the "greenest" states in the US, which is in line with the vision of Aruba.

Joyceline Croes explained that the government of Maryland has developed what they call a "Genuine Progress Indicator," which is a formula to measure the prosperity of their

citizens in monetary as well as in general well being aspects.

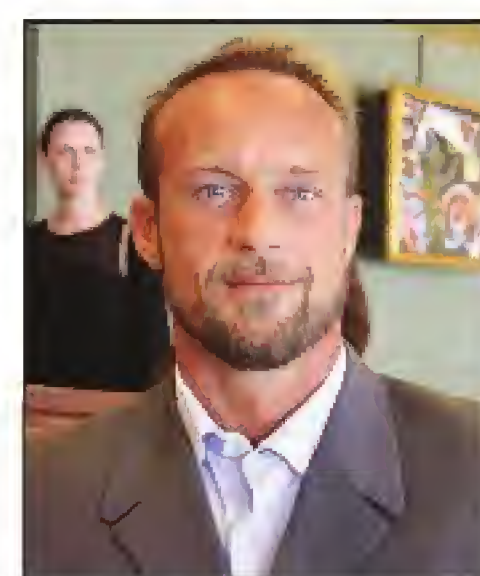
According to Croes, the cooperation between Maryland and Aruba is important as their vision is comparable to that of Aruba. The US Chamber of Commerce elected Maryland as the state with the most entrepreneurship and innovation in the USA. They are also developing a logistic hub to Latin America in a "green" format.

Croes believes that Aruba must take advantage of the vision of Maryland and create a win-win situation for development together.

University of Aruba Professor applauds Prime Minister's address

ORANJESTAD -- Professor, Dr. Ryan Peterson was one of the speakers who participated in the "Viewing Event" held last Monday morning of the live streaming of the TEDx Binnenhof in The Hague, The Netherlands.

In his evaluation or analysis of the Prime Minister's address, Peterson, one of the University of Aruba professors, indicated how pleased he was with the emphasis placed on education. He remarked that the Rector of the University, Dr. Glenn Thode, who also shared in the event, had a similar emphasis on education. They, Peterson claimed, "put Aruba on an in-



ternational platform in the context of the TEDx Binnenhof."

Another important factor coming out of the event, according to Peterson is the government's emphasis on the importance of collabora-

tion.

Peterson supports the concept that Aruba wants and must collaborate with other institutions and countries. He said, "If you want to change the community, change the country, transform certain social systems and economics, you cannot do this alone."

The "Viewing Event" held in the Cas di Cultura last Monday was a morning session organized by the Aruba Innovation Bureau. The event was combined with the speech given by the Prime Minister and several local speakers who spoke on different topics of vital interest.



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ORANJESTAD -- The Starbucks/MetaCorp team of Starbucks' District Manager Shakira Arrindell and Renaissance Aruba Marketing Manager Zugheila Linderborg announced that inscription is open for a special program planned for Starbucks' annual Community Service Month. For the last few years, the famous coffee franchise has included Aruba in its flurry of activities and special promotions during the month of April, particularly spotlighting International Earth Day, April 22.

This year, however, Starbucks is focusing on personal fitness and well being, with the proposition that "We should help ourselves first to be able to Save the Earth." The many important tasks and projects that communities can pursue regarding recycling and cleaning up their local environment, are best done when the participants and the community as a whole is fit and healthy.

Collaborating with Starbucks is the Aruba's official agency to promote and conduct such events, Instituto Biba Saludabel y Activo, (Healthy and Active Lifestyle Institute) IBISA and the Pumpfit crew of Rene Wild and Rodney Pieterella, owner of 2Be Fit Health Club in Shaba.

Pumpfit and IBISA will be conducting a full morning of fitness fun centered in the Renaissance Marketplace on

Saturday, April 12 beginning at 8:30 with a 5K Walk. It will start and return to the Renaissance Marketplace. Walkers should show up an hour prior to register.

At 9:30, the Pumpfit crew will take over with a one-hour "full body workout" that combines both muscle building and aerobic exercise in its routine. Following that, there will be a Nutrition Workshop at 20:30 AM, to assist each participant in working out a proper diet appropriate to their health requirements and fitness goals.

Tickets for the morning program are 5 Aruban florins (\$2.75) which includes a souvenir tee-shirt, refreshments and a raffle ticket to win some terrific prizes. Prizes include personal training session with Rene, session with Rodney, subscription to the Pumpfit Boot Camp program and a weekend stay at the Renaissance Aruba Resort in Oranjestad, as well as tons of Starbucks logo gear, gift certificates, and other great prizes.

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John and Patti Herlihy honored at the Aruba Tropicana Resort



Recently, the Aruba Tourism Authority honored a very special couple as Ambassa-

dors of Goodwill of Aruba. The honoring took place at the Tropicana Resort and

Casino.

The honorees were Mr. John and Mrs. Patti Herlihy from Rapid City South Dakota. John and Patty are visiting Aruba for 20 years. This time they stayed at the Renaissance and at the Tropicana Resort.

Being on Aruba is like being home for them because they have so many friends on the island.

The certificates were presented to them by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Mr. Brian Stedeford GM and Ms. Jacky Feliciano executive administrative assistant at the Tropicana Resort and Casino.

Minister of Public Health applauds Fun Walk & Run



ORANJESTAD -- Last Sunday the Foundation for the Visually Impaired (FAVI) organized what they called a "Fun Walk & Run." This activity was especially to make the community aware of their work and of the help they provide to citizens with visual problems.

Dr. Alex Schwengle, Minister of Public Health also provided his support to the cause and was one of the more than 1000 persons who registered for the activity.

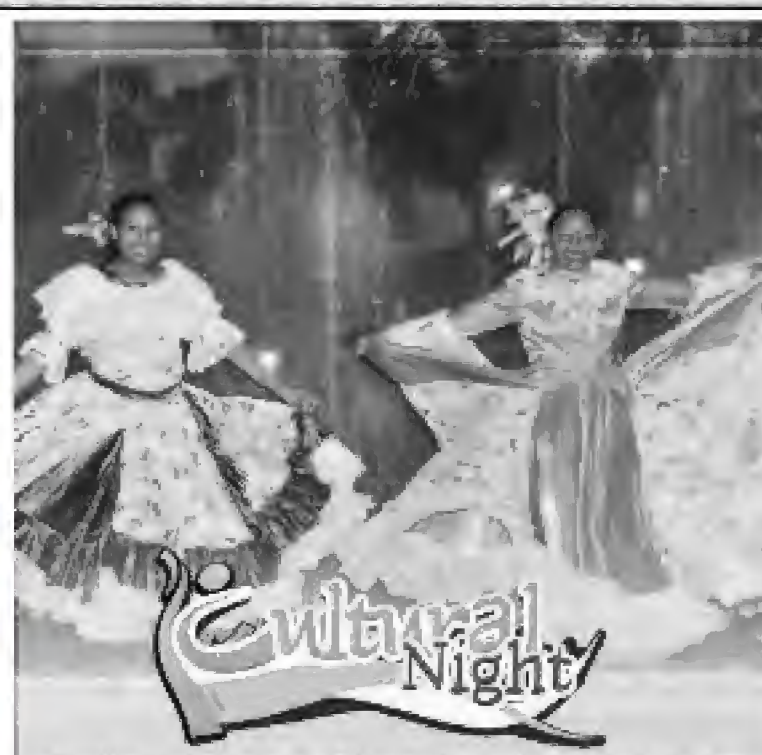
Dr. Schwengle remarked that his participation was to recognize the important role that FAVI plays in our community. He indicated that persons who are visually impaired are equally important to everyone, even the government, and we must make every effort to involve them in our community.

He concluded his remarks by saying that walking and physical activity are extremely important and hoped that other organizations will likewise use walking as a means to make us aware of

their importance for our well being. He wished that every Sunday there was a walk by some group of person intent on enjoying such an activity.



ORANJESTAD -- After the situation of vandalism which presented at the Maria School, the Minister of Education visited the school to observe the work that was done. On the very day that she was scheduled to visit the school she was confronted



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Government to embark on ambitious but necessary security program for schools



the bathrooms. They worked on the aspect of hygiene and other necessary repairs.

One of the projects to be initiated according to the Minister is a complete analysis of the security situation at our schools. She reported that they are intent on implement-

ing a very ambitious security project for our 83 schools.

She indicated that so far she has visited 50 of the 83 schools. They have a good idea what the needs are and are intent on bringing about a definite change.

Chileans survey damage after huge quake kills six



View of destroyed houses in Iquique, northern Chile.

(AFP)

SANTIAGO (AFP) - Thousands of Chileans returned to their homes yesterday after spending the night on hills following a powerful 8.2-magnitude earthquake that killed six people and sparked tsunami alerts as far as Japan.

Police and soldiers patrolled the streets to prevent looting after Tuesday's shallow quake in the north of the country, and in the chaos some 300 inmates escaped after the wall of a women's prison collapsed in Iquique, the city closest to the huge quake's epicenter.

Authorities said 110 of them had been recaptured, while copper prices in the major mining country jumped to a three-week high

after a series of strong tremors caused nearly one million people to evacuate their homes along the coast.

Chilean television showed sagging roofs, broken windows and shelves and merchandise on the floor at shopping centers in Iquique, located about 1,800 kilometers (1,120 miles) north of the capital Santiago.

Thousands of people slept in the open on hills surrounding the city during the night. They returned home after authorities lifted the tsunami alert 10 hours later.

Similar evacuation warnings were issued in a ripple effect up the Pacific coast of South America and into Central America.

Tremors were felt in Peru and as far inland as landlocked Bolivia.

Across the Pacific, Japan issued an alert over the risk of a tsunami of up to one meter (three feet). The waves were expected to hit Fukushima prefecture, which was devastated by a 2011 tsunami. Kyodo News agency reported, though little or no damage was anticipated.

President Michelle Bachelet declared parts of northern Chile disaster zones and traveled to Arica and Iquique to survey the damage and lead relief efforts.

She deployed troops to prevent looting and disorder from breaking out.



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US landslide toll rises to 29

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The confirmed death toll from a huge US landslide rose to 29 yesterday including three children, officials said a week and a half after the disaster in Washington state.

Twenty people are still believed missing after a wall of mud and debris crashed down on the town of Oso on March 22.

Of the 29 bodies recovered,

only 22 have been identified, said the Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office.

The dead include a four-month-old baby girl, as well as a six-year-old boy and a five-year-old girl, it said.

Dozens of dwellings in the rural town located 60 miles (95 kilometers) from Seattle were wiped out in the landslide, which also destroyed part of a highway.

5.8 quake strikes off coast of Panama

PANAMA CITY -- A magnitude-5.8 earthquake struck yesterday off the coast of Panama near the Costa Rican border, the U.S. Geological survey reports.

The quake was centered in the Gulf of Chiriqui on the Pacific Ocean side of the country about 33 miles south of Pedregal, Panama, in the Chiriqui province.

There were no immediate reports of injury or damage.

The director of SINAPROC, Panama's civil

defense organization, said schools were evacuated in Chiriqui but that no damage was reported, TVN Noticias reports. The Rafael Hernandez Hospital in David was also evacuated safely.

The quake was shallow, just 17 miles below sea level.

The quake came a day after an 8.2-magnitude quake struck Chile, 3,000 miles to the south of Panama, killing six people and triggering a 6-foot tsunami on the northern coastline.

Eighteen countries ratify UN treaty on arms trade

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - A total of 18 countries filed documents yesterday ratifying a UN treaty to regulate the \$80-billion-a-year conventional arms trade.

One year after the Arms Trade Treaty was adopted by the General Assembly, 31 countries have ratified it.

The treaty will take effect once 50 UN member states ratify it. So far, 118 countries have signed it.

"It is fair to say that at the current pace of signature and ratification, the ATT could well enter into force in the second half of this year," said Virginia Gamba, deputy to

the UN high representative for disarmament affairs.

The 18 countries to file their ratifications during a ceremony at UN headquarters in New York were all members of the European Union except for El Salvador, among the EU members submitting documents were Germany, France and Great Britain.

The treaty aims to force countries to set up national controls on arms exports. States must assess whether a weapon could be used to circumvent an international embargo, be used for genocide and war crimes or be used by

terrorists and organized crime.

The first major arms accord since the 1996 Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, the ATT covers international transfers of everything from tanks to combat aircraft to missiles, as well as small arms.

The United States -- which is the world's biggest arms producer -- signed the treaty only after a regulation on armaments was dealt with separately, providing for less comprehensive controls. Meanwhile Russia expressed reservations over the criteria used to authorize transactions.



BUDAPEST -- The cupola of the Hungarian parliament building is light up by a blue color to mark the seventh annual World Autism Awareness Day on April 2, 2014. Every year, autism organizations around the world mark the day with unique fundraising and awareness-raising events.

(AFP PHOTO)

Six FARC guerrillas killed, 8 captured: Colombia army



BOGOTA (AFP) - Colombia's army said it killed six FARC rebels and captured eight on Tuesday in a fierce and prolonged clash that came against the backdrop of ongoing peace talks.

The incident took place in Tumaco, southern Colombia, in Narino department, the army reported.

"Pegasus Task Force troops killed in combat six guerrillas," an army statement said.

A military source told AFP the fighting dragged on for 24 hours.

Meanwhile authorities blamed the FARC on a strike on the Pan-American highway Tuesday between Cali and Popayan.

The FARC, a leftist guerrilla group, has been at war with the state since 1964. Considered Latin America's longest-running insurgency, the fighting has left hundreds of thousands dead and displaced 4.5 million.

The Marxist rebels have been in peace talks with President Juan Manuel Santos' government for more than a year but there has been no ceasefire agreement.

Santos, who is seeking reelection in the presidential election May 25, said Saturday that military offensives against the FARC would continue "until the time we get these (peace) agreements."

"We can't condemn further generations of Colombians to a never-ending and pointless war," Santos recently said in an exclusive interview with AFP.

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Australia's top court recognises 'gender neutral' sex category



SYDNEY (AFP) - Australia's highest court on Wednesday ruled that a person can be legally recognised as gender neutral, or non-specific, as opposed to male or female.

"The High Court... recognises that a person may be neither male nor female, and so permits the registration of a person's sex as 'non-specific'," it said in a unanimous judgement that dismissed a New South Wales state appeal to recognise only men or women.

The case centred on a person called Norrie, who does not identify as either male or female, who launched a legal

bid to introduce a new gender-neutral category.

Norrie, who uses only a single name, was born as a male and underwent gender reassignment surgery in 1989 to become a woman.

However, the surgery failed to resolve Scotland-born Norrie's ambiguity about sexual identity,

prompting the push for recognition of a new, non-traditional gender.

The sexual equality campaigner made global headlines in February 2010 when an application to the NSW Department of Births, Deaths and Marriages accepted that "sex non-specific" could be accepted for Norrie's records.

But soon afterwards, the office revoked its decision, saying the certificate was invalid and had been issued in error. At the time, Norrie said the decision created feelings

of being "socially assassinated".

That sparked a series of appeals which resulted in the NSW Court of Appeal recognising Norrie as gender neutral last year, a decision which the High Court backed on Wednesday.

"We welcome this assessment. We hope that the media will respect the difference between intersex and transgender identities, and identify Norrie's gender as 'non-specific'," said Intersex International Australia.

JERUSALEM : Ultra-Orthodox Jews collect water from a mountain spring near Jerusalem, on April 2, 2014, to be used in baking the unleavened bread, known as matzoth, during the Maim Shelanu (Rested Water) ceremony. Religious Jews throughout the world eat matzoth during the eight-day Pesach holiday (Passover), which begins on 14 April, with the sunset to commemorate the Israelis' exodus from Egypt some 3,500 years ago and commemorate their ancestors' plight by refraining from eating leavened food products.



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NEW YORK - The Food and Drug Administration approved the first sublingual (under the tongue) allergen extract aimed to treat grass pollen allergies yesterday. The allergen, Oralair, could potentially help 500 million worldwide. The sublingual tablet is comprised of extracts from five grass pollens mixed together. They include Kentucky bluegrass, Orchard, Perennial rye, Sweet vernal, and Timothy. Similar to allergy shots, the pill takes several months to start working.



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Health risks of Mars mission would exceed NASA limits

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Efforts to send humans to Mars would likely expose them to health risks beyond the limits of what NASA currently allows, an independent panel of medical experts said.

Therefore, any long-term or deep space missions -- which are still decades off -- need a special level of ethical scrutiny, said the report by the Institute of Medicine.

"These types of missions will likely expose crews to levels of known risk that are

beyond those allowed by current health standards, as well as to a range of risks that are poorly characterized, uncertain, and perhaps unforeseeable," said the IOM report.

Currently, astronauts are launched into low-Earth orbit, where they spend three to six months at a time aboard the International Space Station.

But journeys to Mars could take up to 18 months. NASA has said it aims to send people to the Red Planet by the 2030s, and is working on building a

heavy duty launcher and spacecraft for this purpose.

Health risks from short-term missions in space can include nausea, weakness, blurred vision, while long-term risks include radiation-induced cancer and the loss of bone mass.

Given the uncertain risks of exploring further into space than ever before, NASA asked the IOM to develop an ethics framework to guide decisions in the future of human spaceflight.

Legalize Medical Marijuana, Doctors Say in Survey

WASHINGTON - A majority of doctors say that medical marijuana should be legalized nationally and that it can deliver real benefits to patients, a new survey by WebMD/Medscape finds. WebMD's web site for health professionals surveyed 1,544 doctors as more than 10 states consider bills to legalize medical marijuana. It is already legal in 21 states and Washington, DC. The survey found solid support for those legalization efforts, with most doctors saying medical marijuana should be legal in their states. They agreed that medical marijuana should be an option for patients. The survey included doctors from more than 12 specialties and 48 states. Solid data on marijuana's health benefits are lacking. Research has been limited because the federal government has designated marijuana as a "Schedule I" substance, a designation used for the most dangerous drugs having "no accepted medicinal use and a high potential for abuse." The Epilepsy Foundation recently called on the Drug Enforcement Administration to relax its restrictions on marijuana so that it can be properly studied.



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Lost 1920s British movie classic found in Amsterdam

THE HAGUE (AFP) - One of Britain's "most-wanted" lost films from the 1920s has turned up in a collection of old canisters rescued from a rural Dutch cinema, Amsterdam's EYE Film Institute said on Wednesday.

"The long-lost British masterpiece called Love, Life and Laughter (1923) featuring actress Betty Balfour was discovered in the EYE's collection last Friday," spokesman Marnix van Wijk said.

Shot by famed director George Pearson, the film was listed as "missing" by the British Film Institute and featured on a list of 75 movies the BFI said "was not in our vaults" but "which we would love to find."

The silent classic features a youthful Balfour, by far the most popular British screen actress of the time, playing the role of "Tip-Toes", who dreams of dance-hall fame and befriends a young aspiring writer played by Harry Jonas.

The pair agree to meet each other in two years to see if their dreams came true.

This particular copy was shown in a cinema in Hattem



near the central Dutch city of Zwolle between 1929-32, the EYE said.

The cinema closed down and the canisters were in storage at a local television station.

In 2012 a Dutch journalist brought them to the EYE in the Dutch capital.

"It took a while for us to open the canisters to see what's inside," Van Wijk told AFP.

"One of our people on Friday got to it, watched the film and saw the title. He went online and then realised 'Hey, this is a really exceptional discovery'," he said.

Bryony Dixon, silent movie curator at the BFI's National Archive, described

it as a "very important find".

"Not only does Betty Balfour, the biggest female star of the silent movie period play the lead role, but also it's directed by George Pearson, one of Britain's most talented movie-makers at the time," he said.

At its release the British press hailed it "as a triumph", a "classic" and a "masterpiece", the EYE added.

It premiered for the first time in the Netherlands in Amsterdam's Tuschinski theatre on October 12 1923.

"We are in consultation with the BFI over how it will be restored and when the public will be able to enjoy the movie once again," Van Wijk said.

U2, Linda Ronstadt among 25 albums to be preserved



NEW YORK - Every year, the Librarian of Congress meets with the Library's National Recording Preservation Board to choose 25 recordings worthy of induction. This year's list is just as eclectic as past selections. U2's landmark LP The Joshua Tree; the Everly Brothers' "Cathy's Clown," Isaac Hayes' legendary Shaft theme song; Jeff Buckley's beautiful version of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah"; Linda Ronstadt's Heart Like a Wheel LP and Creedence Clearwater Revival's Vietnam War protest chorale "Fortunate Son" all made the 2014 list. The 25 albums and songs chosen are all seen as "culturally, historically or aesthetically significant," according to Rolling Stone.

Madrid offers electric bicycle-share from May



MADRID (AFP) - Madrid will provide 1,500 electric bicycles in its first public bike-hire scheme from May 1, the city said on Wednesday.

The "BiciMad" service follows similar schemes in Spanish cities such as Barcelona, as well as Paris's "Velibs" and London's so-called "Boris bikes".

"In the first phase, 1,500 bicycles will be provided and they will all be electric," distributed across 120 bike stands, a Madrid city hall spokeswoman told AFP.

Spanish firm BonoPark has got the 25-million-euro (\$35 million) contract to

build the parking stands and install the bikes, equipped with electric motors that help propel them when pedalled.

It has yet to be confirmed how much users will have to pay for the use of the bikes.

The northern Spanish city of San Sebastian already has electric shared bikes, but the scheme is a first for Madrid, where cycle lanes are relatively scarce.

The city hall said BiciMad is part of an 884-million-euro traffic management scheme which will create some 60 kilometres (37 miles) of cycle lanes in Madrid's streets.

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T-Mobile to stop selling BlackBerrys in US

OTTAWA (AFP) - Struggling Canadian smartphone maker BlackBerry said it will not renew an accord allowing wireless carrier T-Mobile to sell its smartphones in the United States.

When the current license expires April 25, T-Mobile, a unit of Deutsche Telekom and the fourth-largest wireless carrier in the United States, will no longer offer BlackBerry phones on its US network.

The two companies' strate-



gies are no longer complementary, although BlackBerry hopes to work again with T-Mobile once their commercial strategies are back in sync, said CEO John Chen.

The end of the contract will have no effect on current users of BlackBerrys on the T-Mobile network.

BlackBerry said it would continue to provide support to existing T-Mobile BlackBerry users and to anyone who may buy a BlackBerry smartphone from T-Mobile's remaining inventory.

BlackBerry's share price on the NASDAQ stock exchange, meanwhile, edged up less than one percent in morning trading to \$8.17, following the announcement.

The split between the two companies comes after an "outraged" Chen six weeks ago publicly chided T-Mobile for coaxing its customers to switch from BlackBerry to Apple's newest iPhone in a promotion described by T-Mobile as a "great offer for BlackBerry users."

Chen said in a blog post that he was puzzled why

longtime business partner T-Mobile had not spoken to BlackBerry "before or after they launched this clearly inappropriate and ill-conceived marketing promotion."

Loyal BlackBerry users also expressed their displeasure with T-Mobile, which apologized.

The Canadian manufacturer pioneered the smartphone market but has struggled to keep up with competitors in recent years.

Last year, the company introduced the BlackBerry 10 operating system and new smartphones in an effort to regain ground lost to rivals such as Apple and others using the Google Android operating system.

In December, BlackBerry unveiled a manufacturing partnership with Taiwan-based Foxconn and a revamped organizational structure. The deal transfers to Foxconn the manufacturer and inventory management and allows BlackBerry to focus on software and services.

But it has continued to lose money, posting last week fresh losses of \$5.9 billion (4.3 billion euros) for the period ending March 2.

Scientists date Moon at 4.470 billion years



PARIS (AFP) - The Moon was formed about 95 million years after the birth of our Solar System, in a collision that also settled the structure of Earth as we know it, according to the latest attempt at dating that impact. A study in the journal Nature said the crash between an early, proto-Earth and a Mars-sized object that dislodged what would become the Moon, happened some 4.470 billion years ago -- give or take 32 million years. Apart from creating our satellite, the event is also believed to have marked the final phase of Earth's core formation from molten metals sinking to the centre from a superhot surface. Previous estimates had ranged from an "early" impact about 30 million years after the start of the Solar System, to a later one as much as 200 million years after. The Solar System itself is known to be 4.567 billion years old thanks to accurate dating of some components of meteorites -- the oldest materials to be found on our planet. Earth is believed to have formed at some time during the first 150 million years. Many earlier age estimates had been based on measuring the rate of radioactive decay of atomic nuclei found in rocks.

S&P 500 rises to another record; Dow just misses

NEW YORK (AFP) - The S&P 500 rose yesterday to a new high, but the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell just short of a record on another good day for stocks.

Positive sentiment lifted the S&P 500 by 5.38 (0.29 percent) to 1,390.90, the second record close in a row.

The Dow rose 40.39 (0.24 percent) to 16,573.00, about four points shy of a record. The tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index advanced 3.42 (0.20 percent) to 4,276.46.

Analysts said investors remain in a fairly hopeful mood following a run of economic data that, while not outstanding, is "good enough" to persuade that the economy is on

a good path, said Mace Blicksilver, director of Marblehead Asset Management, adding that the surge of the past two days may be enabled in part by an influx of cash at the start of the second quarter.

Leaders in the Dow included Caterpillar (+2.8 percent), United Technologies (+1.7 percent) and General Electric (+0.7 percent).

General Motors jumped 1.6 percent even as chief executive Mary Barra faced tough questioning at a US Senate hearing into the auto giant's slow recall of millions of vehicles due to deadly safety problems.

California utility PG&E advanced 2.3 percent even as

federal prosecutors announced a criminal indictment against the firm over a fatal 2010 gas pipeline explosion and allegations the company "knowingly" violated federal pipeline law.

Bond prices fell. The yield on the 10-year US Treasury rose to 2.80 percent from 2.76 percent Tuesday, while the 30-year increased to 3.65 percent from 3.60 percent. Bond prices and yields move inversely.

Electric car sales smash records in Norway

OSLO (AFP) - Norway's electric car market boomed in March, with sales of the environmentally friendly vehicles accounting for a record one in five of all cars registered, a national traffic group said Wednesday.

US car maker Tesla set a new record for car sales, with its high-end Tesla S selling more models in one month (1,493 sales) than any car in Norway's history, according to the Information Council for Road Traffic (OFV).

At 10.8 percent of all new car registrations, Tesla sold more than twice as many cars as the next most popular choice -- petrol and diesel versions of the Volkswagen Golf (624 sales).

Norway has introduced a raft of incentives for environmentally friendly cars, including exemptions from high car taxes, toll free driving, free public parking and use of public transport lanes.

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India announces first bank licences in a decade

NEW DELHI (AFP) - India announced yesterday it was issuing two new bank licences for the first time in a decade as it accelerates a push to bring more Indians into the formal banking system.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced "in-principle" approval for Mumbai-based IDFC, a major infrastructure project lender, and microfinance company Bandhan Financial Services, located in eastern India, to establish banks.

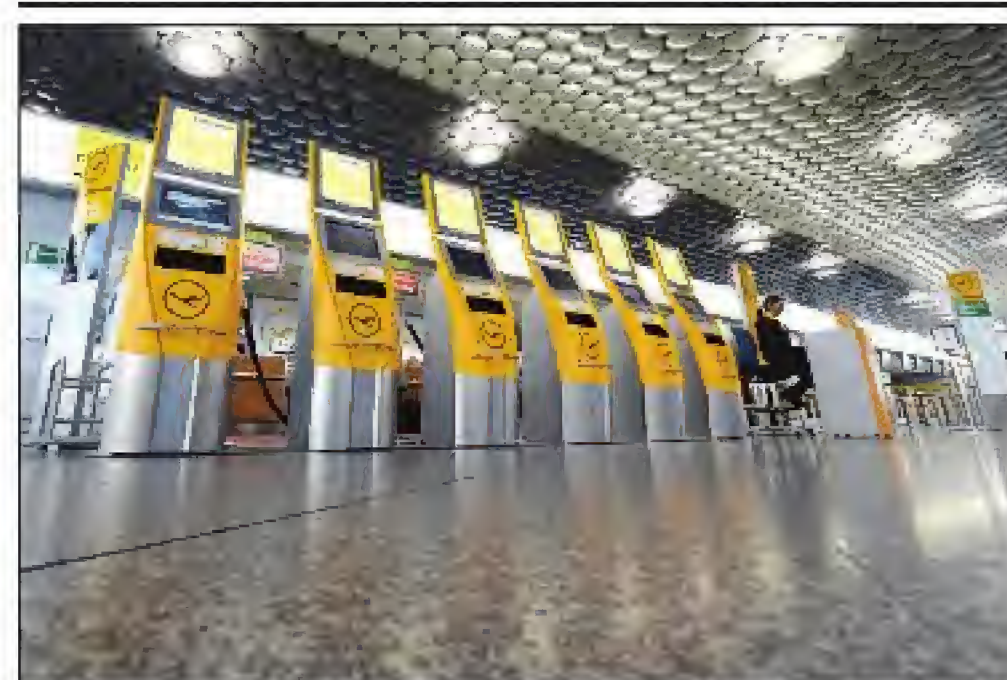
Just 35 percent of Indian adults have bank accounts, a figure which the RBI calls

"miniscule" and says shows a "crying need for a further push to the financial inclusion agenda" to include India's poorest.

Under their licences, the new banks must open 25 percent of their branches in rural areas that have no banking services.

The central bank said IDFC and Bandhan were chosen on the basis of their 10-year business track records and their proposed business models for the banks.

India's banking sector is dominated by public sector banks and heavily regulated.



HANNOVER -- Empty check-in desks of German airline Lufthansa are seen at the airport in Hanover, central Germany, on April 2, 2014. Pilots of German airline Lufthansa began a strike, forcing the carrier to cancel most of its flights for three days and grounding as many as 425,000 passengers. (AFP PHOTO)

Heineken says net profits halved after 2012 spike

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Net profit at Dutch brewer Heineken fell by more than half last year to 1.36 billion euros (\$1.85 billion), the company reported yesterday, but the figure for 2012 had been inflated by an acquisition.

The 2013 result was 53 percent lower than for 2012, when the profits jumped by 1.4 billion euros on the back of the purchase of Asia Pacific Breweries.

But the group said that growth in emerging markets had fallen short of expectations.

Heineken's sales for 2013 showed a slight rise of 1.3 percent, to 21.25 billion euros, the Amsterdam-based brewer said in a statement.

Heineken chief executive Jean-Francois van Boxmeer said "2013 was a challenging year as slower economic growth in a number of key markets and adverse regulatory developments impacted performance."

Although the beer market in developing countries accounted for more than half of Heineken's revenue "performance of developing markets were not as strong as expected."

Van Boxmeer said Heineken expected a gradual recovery in the global economy in 2014 which would improve trading conditions in key markets.

This included growth in Africa, the Middle East, Asia and Latin America, it said.



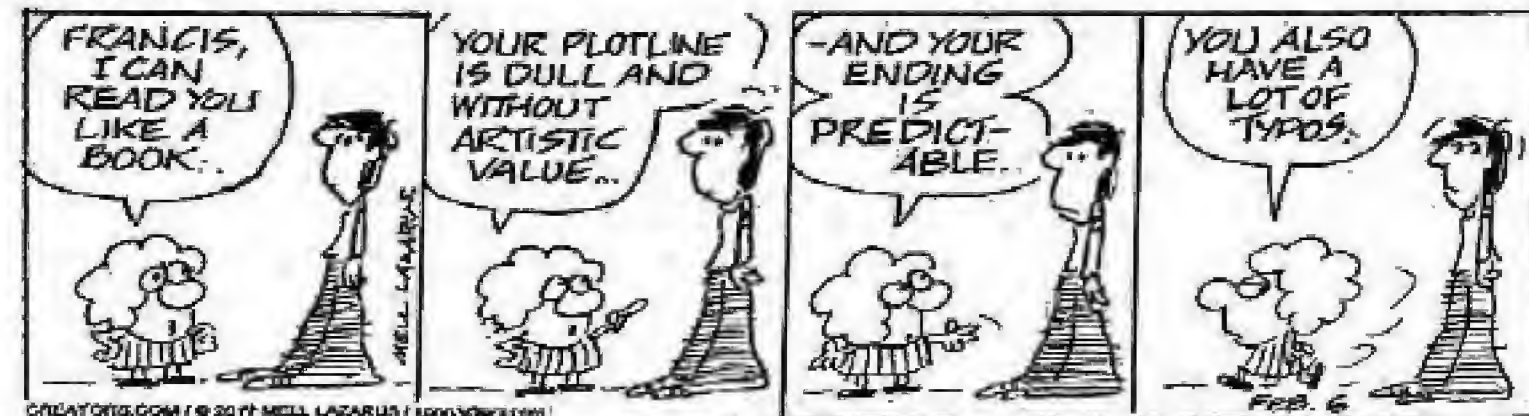
PANAMA CITY-- AFP photo shows Panama Canal Administrator Jorge Quijano (R) speaking during a press conference next to the Founder and Group Chief Executive of The Abraaj Group Pakistani Arif Naqvi (L) and the Executive Director of the International Trade Centre Arancha Gonzalez (out of frame) during the World Economic Forum on Latin America in Playa Bonita, near Panama City, on April 2, 2014. Latin America has maintained high levels of economic growth and financial resilience, attracting increased foreign investment and tourism and progressing towards poverty alleviation, while building a larger and more demanding middle class. Due to its vast wealth of natural resources, cultural heritage and human capital, the region is fertile ground for novel business and social innovation models that will ensure its comprehensive long-term development

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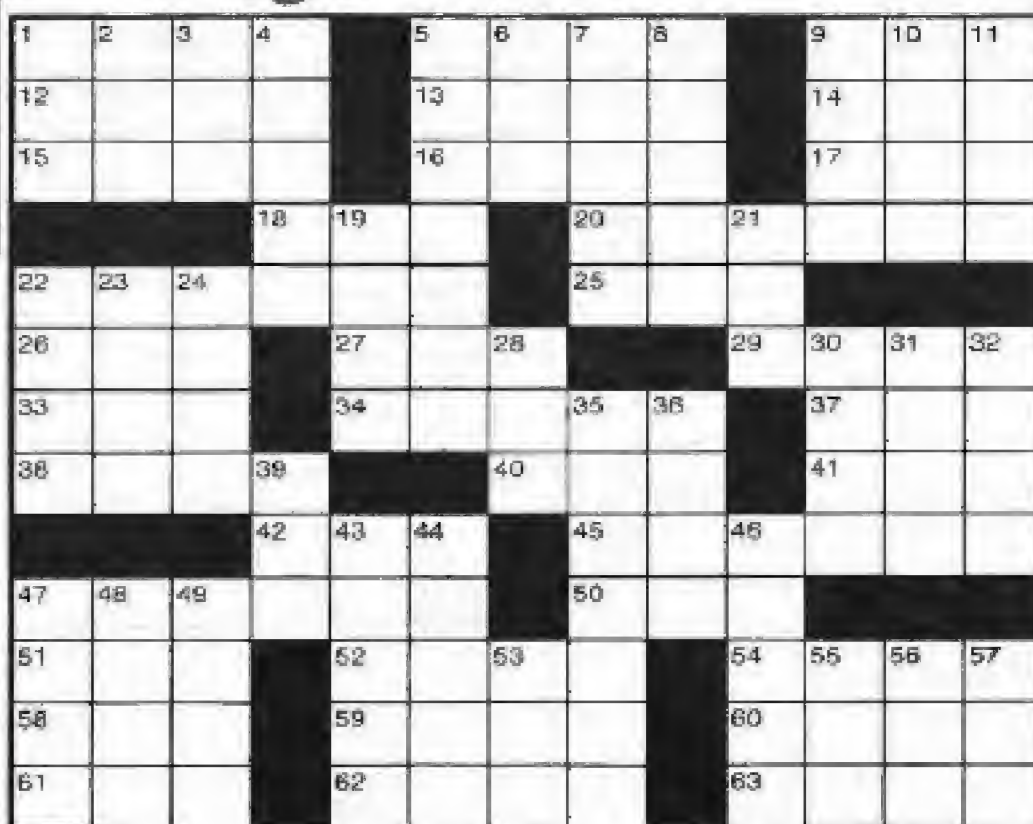


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14. Hurry
15. Harvard's rival
16. Change direction suddenly
17. Tumult
18. Murphy Brown's show
20. Make tidy
22. ___ in distress
25. Parched
26. Tres minus dos
27. Candidate Landon
29. Snacks
33. Anderson Cooper's channel
34. Listened
37. Itinerary word
38. Tailless amphibian
40. Recent (prefix)
41. Harris and Asner
42. Tack on
45. Roger and Demi
47. Pencil top material
50. Gp.



51. Quiet ___ mouse (2 wds.)
52. Klinger's portrayer
54. Radio selector
58. Concorde's inits.
59. Musical composition
60. Like mayonnaise
61. There are 24 to a day (abbr.)
62. DNA carrier
63. Written reminder
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5. Wilbur Wright's brother
6. Maiden name indicator
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24. Lisa of the Louvre
28. Matinee-idol idolizer
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35. Self-reproach
36. Entranceway
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47. Reckless
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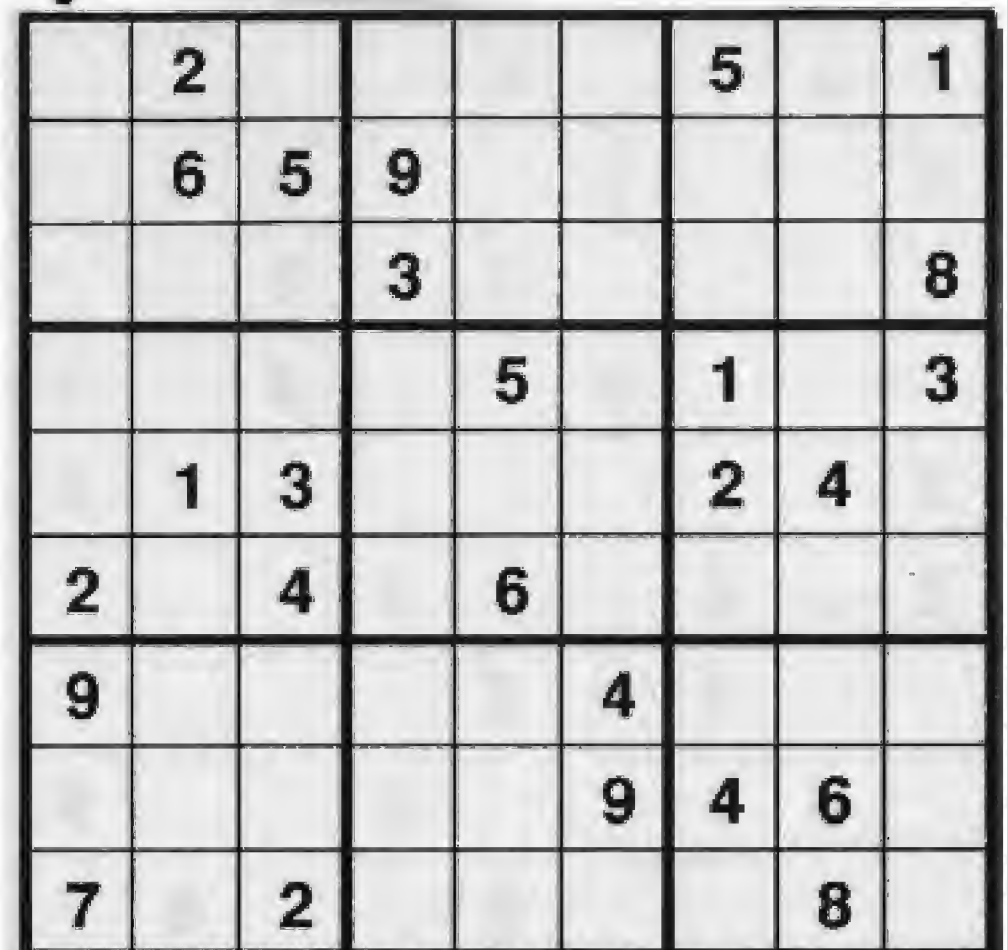
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DETROIT (AFP) - Ian Kinsler #3 of the Detroit Tigers celebrates his 10th inning RBI single that drove in Austin Jackson #14 to beat the Kansas City Royals 2-1 at Comerica Park on Wednesday.



CHICAGO (AFP) : Second baseman Brian Dozier #2 of the Minnesota Twins (R) tags out Tyler Flowers #21 of the Chicago White Sox after Flowers was caught in a rundown on a sacrifice fly scoring Alexei Ramirez during the second inning at U.S. Cellular Field yesterday.



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UEFA Champions League



PARIS (AFP) - Paris' players celebrate after scoring during the UEFA Champions League quarter-final first leg football match Paris Saint-Germain vs Chelsea, Wednesday at the Parc-des-Princes stadium in Paris. Paris won 3 to 1.



MADRID (AFP) - Real Madrid eased towards a fourth consecutive Champions League semi-final as Cristiano Ronaldo equalled another goalscoring record in their 3-0 win over Borussia Dortmund at the Santiago Bernabeu on Wednesday. Looking to avenge their semi-final defeat at the hands of the Germans last season. Real beat Dortmund 3-0.

Golf: With eye on Masters Mickelson to play in Houston

HOUSTON (AFP) - Injured five-time major champion Phil Mickelson will tee it up in the PGA Tour Houston Open this week, he said Wednesday, adding that it's his best chance to keep his Masters bid on track.

Mickelson withdrew from the Texas Open last week in the third round with a muscle strain in his back.

He flew home to California for treatment, then travelled to Augusta National to get in a couple of days of preparation for the first major championship of the season, which starts next week.

The Masters is already without world number one Tiger Woods, who said Tuesday he would miss the event for the first time in his career after undergoing back surgery.

Mickelson, 43, is hoping he'll be fit for a run at a fourth Masters green jacket.

"I played nine holes today at

Augusta and I felt pretty good," Mickelson said on Wednesday on his website, philnickelson.com.

He added that reports on Tuesday he had withdrawn from Wednesday's pro-am because of his injury were "inaccurate".

He said Houston Open officials had asked him "months ago" to host a pro-am dinner on Thursday rather than playing in the pro-am and he had agreed.

Mickelson is due to tee off at 7:50 am (12:50 GMT) in one of the first round's marquee groups with former US Open champion Webb Simpson and former PGA Champion Keegan Bradley.

Other elite names in the field include world number seven Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland, who will play the first two rounds with England's Luke Donald and American Dustin Johnson.

Sweden's Henrik Stenson, the reigning US PGA playoff and European Tour Race to Dubai champion, will play the first two rounds grouped with Americans Matt Kuchar and Jimmy Walker.

Mickelson, though, remains in the draw for the first two rounds of the \$6.2 million Houston Open which gets underway on Thursday.

D.A. Points is the defending champion in the \$6.2 million (4.5 million euros) tournament at the re-named Golf Club of Houston.

Points held on after a lengthy rain delay last year to fire a six-under 66 in the final round and edge Stenson by one stroke.

Last year Stenson's finish allowed him to play the Masters, this year it will serve as his final tune-up for the one major championship in which he has yet to post a top-10 finish.

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International School of Aruba
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2nd place-Tyrone Christina
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10:59 minutes
3rd place -Emilayne Flo-
resO.L.V. Fatima College
11:44 minutes

2 kilometer boys:

1st place Victor Uribe



Colegio Conrado Coronel
09:13 minutes
2nd place -Jack Lyttleton-
Francis International School
of Aruba 09:32 min-
utes

3rd place -Nick Brouwer
Colegio Sagrado Curason
10:06 minutes

3 kilometer girls:

1st place -Wildarline Sena-
tus
O.L.V. Fatima College
27:06 minutes
2nd place-Marth Tromp
O.L.V. Fatima College
27:13 minutes
3rd place-Nathalie Soto
O.L.V. Fatima College
27:13 minutes

3 kilometer boys:

1st place-Daniel Sepul-
vedaInternational School of
Aruba
14:21 minutes

2nd place -Jasper Timmer
Colegio Sagrado Curason
14:59 minutes
3rd place -Jarick Helder
Colegio Sagrado Curason
16:29 minutes

After the race the children re-
ceived their respective prizes,
medals of bronze, silver and
gold.

Director of IBiSA, Monique
van Embden was present to-
gether with the sports coordi-
nator Mildred Wever for the
presentation of the prizes.
Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar
who witnessed the race was



also there to support her
child. IBiSA congratulates all
the children for their excel-
lent performance.

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IOC President names Nicole Hoevertsz into Judicial Sports Commission

From Lausanne, Switzerland, the Aruba Olympic Committee (AOC) received notification that the General Secretary and Member of IOC, Nicole Hoevertsz was nominated into two more commissions of the International Olympic Committee. President of the IOC, Thomas Bach appointed Hoevertsz to enter the so-called Judicial Commission and the Sport and Law Commission.



Hoevertsz is already member of a number of different international Olympic committees.

For example, she is member of the Commission on Woman's and Sports, the Coordination Commission for the XXXI 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Coordination Commission for the Games of the XXXI Olympiad – Tokyo 2020, and

finally also International Relations Commission.

The International Olympic Committee has a total of 115 members executing their general tasks for the organization.

However, during the year they execute their tasks for the more or less 24 commissions.

The President of IOC is taking advantage of Nicole's judicial background especially for judicial matters of the IOC and their stakeholders.

The Aruba Olympic Committee is proud of Nicole Hoevertsz and these nominations. Nicole has demonstrated excellent work for the organization for many years and they are confident that she will perform these roles exceptionally well.

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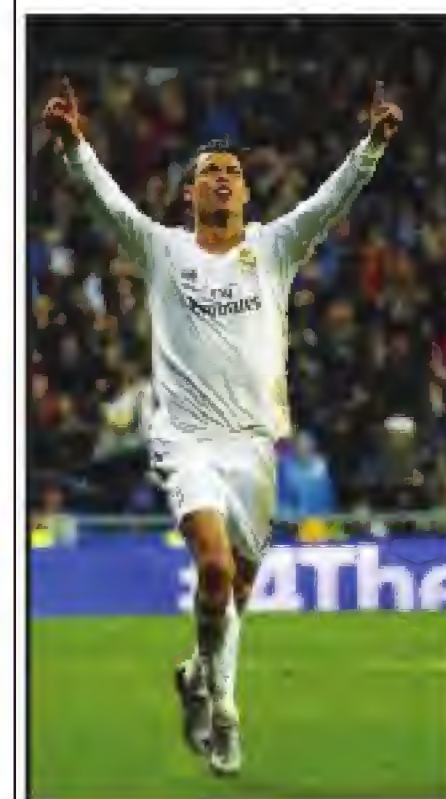
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Football: Ronaldo equals Messi's Champions League record



MADRID (AFP) - World footballer of the year Cristiano Ronaldo equalled rival Lionel Messi's Champions League single season scoring record with a goal for Real Madrid against Borussia Dortmund on Wednesday.

The Portugal star scored in the 57th minute of the quarter-final first leg tie at the Bernabeu to put Real 3-0 up and match the 14 goals Messi scored in the 2011/12 season.

Brazilian international Jose Altafini, who also played for Italy, also scored 14 goals in the 1962/63 European Cup for AC Milan.